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RESPONSE

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This is in response to the outstanding Office Action in the
above-identified application.

Claims 1-75 stand subject to a restriction requirement under
35 U.S.C. §121 as follows:

Group I - Claims 1-54, drawn to "Prosthetic Substrate
Coating", classified in class 623, subclass 23.36; and

Group II - Claims 55-75, drawn to "Methods of Making",
classified in class 427, subclass 2.26.

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In response, Applicants hereby elect, without prejudice, to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-54.

Applicants expressly reserve the right to prosecute all non-elected subject matter in related applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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